

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SHB 1329

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Creating "Music Matters" special license plates.

**Sponsors:** House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Maxwell, Lias, Haigh, Dammeier, Armstrong, McCoy, Finn, Billig, Hunt, Probst, Lytton, Kenney, Ryu, Frockt, Sells, Jacks, Orwall, Van De Wege, Roberts, Tharinger and Miloscia).

**House Committee on Transportation**  
**Senate Committee on Transportation**

### **Background:**

The Department of Licensing (DOL) issues special vehicle license plates that may be used in lieu of standard plates. A governmental or nonprofit sponsoring organization seeking to sponsor a special plate either submits an application to the DOL or requests legislation to create the special plate.

For special license plates that are enacted by statute, a sponsoring organization must, within 30 days of enactment, submit prepayment of all start-up costs to the DOL. If the sponsoring organization is not able to meet the prepayment requirement, revenues generated from the sale of the special license plate are first used to pay off any costs associated with establishing the new plate. The sponsoring organization must also provide a proposed license plate design to the DOL. Additionally, the sponsoring organization must submit an annual financial report to the DOL detailing actual revenues generated from the sale of the special license plate.

There is a moratorium on the issuance of new special license plates until June 30, 2011.

### **Summary:**

The "Music Matters" special license plate is created, which would display the "Music Matters" logo. In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon application for a vehicle registration, a fee of \$40 would be charged for a "Music Matters" special license plate and a \$30 fee is charged for renewal of a special license plate.

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The DOL is required to annually report the status of the "Music Matters" special license plate to the Joint Transportation Committee. The "Music Matters" special license plate is exempt from the temporary moratorium on special license plates.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

House	89	5	
Senate	47	2	(Senate amended)
House	94	2	(House concurred)

**Effective:** January 1, 2012